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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear sirs,

I am writing to oppose the settlement proposed for the anti-trust trial against Microsoft. The settlement, as it stands, would allow Microsoft to continue anti-competitive practices against its largest competitor: open source software. This is software that is developed by a community, rather than a commercial organization, and projects developed in this way would not be eligible to benefit from the proposed remedies.

<< Section III(J)(2) contains some very strong language against not-for-profits. Specifically, the language says that it need not describe nor license API, Documentation, or Communications Protocols affecting authentication and authorization to companies that don't meet Microsoft's criteria as a business >> -- Robert X. Cringely

I implore the courts to reject any settlement that would allow Microsoft to continue its anticompetitive practices against any software system, whether it be commercial or not.

Thank you.

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"Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right."  
-- Salvor Hardin

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